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Jack's Family Restaurants officially opens new location in Elba

Jack's Family Restaurants (Jack's), opened its doors at 5 a.m. to a new restaurant in Elba, Alabama on Monday, June 30th.

The new Jack's is located at 988 Hwy 203, Elba. This location will provide easy access to those traveling U.S. Highway 84 wanting to stop for breakfast, lunch or supper.

"We're excited to bring Jack's to Elba just in time for summer and look forward to serving the community for all the season's moments, from picnics at Coffee County Lake to comfort meals," said Todd Bartmess, CEO of Jack's Family Restaurants.

To celebrate, the first 50 guests to place an order on-site received free breakfast for a month. In addition, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at 9 a.m. by the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

During the ribbon cutting

ceremony, Elba Mayor Tom Maddox welcomed Jack's to the city. He said this is something the citizens of Elba has looked forward to for a long time.

Elba Chamber and Main Street director Sandy Williams said the addition of the Jack's restaurant would not only add another great place for residents and travelers to eat, but it also will add to the city's tax income. She said it is a win for the City of Elba.

The new Coffee County location offers dine-in, drive-thru and mobile ordering, as well as catering for events. Designed with community in mind, the restaurant will feature front porch rocking chairs, roundtables for gathering and a viewing window where guests can watch biscuits being made from scratch.

Jack's looks forward to supporting local organizations and nonprofits in Elba.



Jacks of Elba officially opened Monday, June 30, with a ribbon cutting ceremony held at 9 a.m. Joining the Jack's team for this ribbon cutting were Elba city leaders, Elba Chamber board members, Elba and Coffee County Queens, and local citizens. When the restaurant opened its doors to customers at 5 a.m. Monday morning, the first 50 customers received a card for free breakfast for an entire month. The restaurant is located at 988 Hwy. 203 in Elba.



Kip Brunson of Elba celebrated his birthday on Monday by being one of the first 50 customers at the newly opened Jack's! Kip enjoyed breakfast with his parents, Mark and Ashley Brunson. According to mom, he was going to play some golf on his big day after breakfast.

Elba to host Let Freedom Ring

The Elba Chamber and City of Elba will host Let Freedom Ring Thursday night, July 3, in Elba. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a golf cart parade around the square. Fireworks will be around 9 p.m.

Ellis seeking District 5 seat on Elba City Council

Kaye Ellis announces her candidacy to seek the District 5 seat on the Elba City Council in the upcoming municipal election.

"I am thrilled to announce my candidacy for Elba City Council - District 5," Ellis said.

A lifelong resident of Elba, born at Elba General Hospital and raised in the area, Ellis said she is a proud graduate of Elba High School's Class of 1984. She is married to her soulmate of 36 years, Wade Ellis, who is retired from Dorsey Trailers as plant manager and currently a local business owner of his own construction company where he also serves the Elba area.

The Ellis' have one son, Jonathon Ellis. They are active members of Abundant Life Holiness Church.

"With the passion for helping people from a young age, I pursued my nursing degree, and worked as an office nurse for 19 years, developing strong relationships with my patients," Ellis said "In 2009, I transitioned to a career in real estate, achieving success and becoming a licensed broker. In 2017, I



Kaye Ellis

established my own real estate company on Gant Lake, which flourished through divine guidance. In 2018, I returned to Elba, bringing my real estate expertise back to my hometown and relocating Lake Realty to 482 Claxton Avenue where we purchased and renovated a dilapidated property, utilizing it as my office, and have since acquired and refurbished several other buildings, enhancing the town's visual appeal."

She said this decision has brought continued affirmation.

"With many years of experience from nurturing my patients, my parents and my clients, I am confident

in knowing I can serve my neighbors in our city in the same capacity," Ellis said. "Going the extra mile to accommodate the needs that are at hand will come natural just as nursing and real estate always have. I love helping people and I love our sweet little town. I believe in doing the very best you can at all you do, given the opportunity, I will show exactly what I can do for you as the citizens of Elba. I am excited to serve on the Elba City Council District 5."

Ellis said she welcomes calls, texts and emails with any questions or concerns at 334-763-9012 or lakerealty@yahoo.com

On Monday, June 23, Special Agents with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) State Bureau of Investigation (SBI), in coordination with the Alabama Attorney General's Office, the 12th and 19th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Offices, and multiple local law enforcement agencies, executed a series of search warrants targeting several CBD specialty stores and vape shops suspected of violating Alabama's marijuana laws.

At approximately 10 a.m., search warrants were carried out at the following locations:

Troy: Three stores in the 1000 Block of U.S. Highway 231

Enterprise: Locations in the 1000 and 600 Blocks of Boll Weevil Circle, and the 1000 Block of Rucker Boulevard

Clanton: Stores in the 500 Block of 7th Street North and the 2000 Block of 7th Street South

Wetumpka: One store in the 4000 Block of U.S. Highway 231

Montgomery: One store in the 6000 Block of Atlanta Highway

This coordinated operation is the result of a nearly year-long investigation into the sale of plant-based materials containing illegal levels of THC, which were being sold over the counter in violation of Alabama law. Alabama law clearly states that only hemp products containing less than 0.3% Delta-9 THC are legal. This standard is based on the 2018 Agriculture Improvement Act (also known as the Farm Bill) passed by the U.S. Congress. Products exceeding that THC threshold are classified as illegal marijuana, regardless of how they are labeled or marketed.

ALEA SBI Major Crimes Chief Shawn Loughridge said, "During the course of this investigation, Special Agents and local law enforcement officers conducted multiple controlled purchases to analyze and determine the THC content of these substances after receiving numerous complaints from citizens of certain CBD specialty stores and vape shops violating the marijuana law."

As a result of the searches, significant quantities of marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and other illegal

items were seized. The investigation is ongoing, and no arrests have been made at this time. However, the evidence collected marks a major step in holding businesses accountable and protecting the health and safety of Alabama communities.

A joint press conference was held on Friday, June 27, with ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor, Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall, SBI Director Chris Inabinett, SBI Chief Shawn Loughridge and 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney James Tarbox in attendance, to further discuss the operation in detail.

During the press conference, SBI Director Inabinett clarified, "We now have the technology and facilities at ALEA to conduct accurate, presumptive analysis of THC levels in these products. These search warrants were not meant to punish business owners; they were issued in response to numerous community complaints. This is about public safety."

He continued with a warning to both parents and citizens, "Some of these items, often disguised as candy, snacks, or other familiar products, pose serious risks—especially to

children or individuals who are unaware they contain THC. We urge parents to stay vigilant and be aware of what their children are exposed to. Additionally, these products can impair driving and may cause individuals to unknowingly fail a drug test at work."

ALEA Secretary Taylor closed the press conference stating, "This week's operation, led by ALEA's State Bureau of Investigation and supported by a strong network of local, state, and federal partners, reflects the kind of coordinated effort that is essential in tackling complex illegal activity. These cases don't come together overnight. They require time, dedication, and the full weight of interagency cooperation."

He continued and said, "I want to express my sincere gratitude to Governor Kay Ivey and our State Legislators for their steadfast support of law enforcement. Their commitment through critical resources, sound policy, and consistent backing makes operations like this possible. Without their leadership and investment, the results we're seeing today would not have been possible."

Laramore seeking District 3 spot on Elba City Council

Christy Laramore announced her candidacy June 20th for Elba City Council, District 3.

"Many of you know me or know my family. I am Elba raised and graduated from Elba High School in 2004," Laramore said. "My mother, Rhonda Morrow Eubanks, is a 1974 graduate of Elba High School, as were most of my family."

Laramore said her family has called Elba home for many decades.

"Many will remember when my grandparents, Bill and Mildred Morrow, managed the Big Little by the Pea River Bridge," she said.



Christy Laramore

"Some may be old enough to remember my great-grandfather, O. C. Morrow's general store. I am proud of my Elba roots."

She and her husband, Michael, have been married since 2007 and have three amazing children: Matthew (15), Gabe (13), and Rachael (7). All three are enrolled at Elba City Schools and are proudly continuing our family's Elba Tiger legacy.

"We are active members of First Baptist Church of Elba and truly love our church family," said Laramore. "I enjoy serving others. I currently serve as public relations commit-

tee chair at FBC Elba and vice president of our newly formed Elba High School PTO. I also volunteer to coach rec sports, serve on mission trips, and am involved in local ministries.

Laramore said her goal is to always leave things and people better than she found them.

"I can't promise I have all the answers, but I can promise to always do my best to get the answers, to work hard to find the solutions, and to be transparent and honest in all things," she said. "These are values impressed on me by my dad, JR Eubanks. He's always been a stickler for details and doing a job right, and I don't believe in doing any job halfway. I believe we should do all things as if we are working for the Lord. I will seek to honor Him in all my actions and to also make my district and city proud."

Laramore said she wants to see Elba thriving.

"I want to see businesses

Area Happenings

Beacon of Hope ABA is hosting "Rhythm & Smiles, a Music Celebration" Saturday, July 19, from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., in downtown Elba. The event will be held at 102 Claxton Avenue. Join Beacon of Hope for live music, food vendors, family friendly beverages, dancing and tons of fun. There will also be bounce houses, face painting, and a dunking booth for all to enjoy. Event organizers ask for a donation of either new toys, sealed snacks, or a monetary contribution of any amount to help support Beacon of Hope ABA.

EDITORIAL

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, June 24, through Monday, June 30, 2025, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Tuesday, June 24 – Verbal altercation reported at 138 Stroud Ave (11:15 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 14602 Hwy 87 (1:00 p.m.). Seven traffic stops resulted in three verbal warnings, and four citations.

Wednesday, June 25 – Verbal altercation reported at 1103 Caroline St (2:11 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 994 Hwy 203 (3:58 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1505 County Rd 217 (10:45 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at 515 Claxton Ave N (7:59 p.m.); Powerline/Electrical fire reported at 726 Williams Ave S (9:15 p.m.); Traffic hazards reported in area of Hickman Ave and Caroline St (9:50 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1620

Boswell St (10:14 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a verbal warning.

Thursday, June 26 – Animal complaint reported at 981 County Rd 239 (7:30 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 981 County Rd 239 (10:21 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 348 Larkin Rd (4:01 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at County Rd 417 and Hwy 189 (6:26 p.m.). Seven traffic stops resulted in one advice given, two verbal warnings, three written warning, and one arrest.

Friday, June 27 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 371 Tiger Dr (2:57 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 213 Taylor Ave (4:51 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 213 Taylor Ave (8:24 a.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 100 Beaver Dam St (4:47 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at Hwy 203 and Smith Ave (6:17 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in one arrest, one citation, and one verbal warning.

Saturday, June 28 – Verbal altercation reported at 581 County Rd 502 (12:48 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1315 Hickman Ave (11:11 a.m.); Report of shots fired at 1438 Smith Ave (8:57 p.m.). Seven traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, three written warnings, one citation, and one arrest.

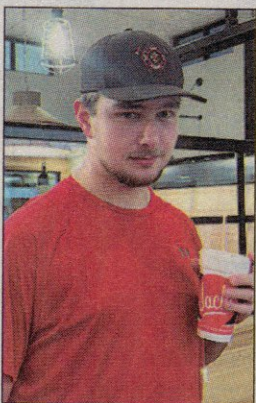
Sunday, June 29 – Harassing communications reported at 1320 Highland Dr (10:00 a.m.); Damage to property reported at 581 County Rd 502 (10:32 a.m.); Reckless driver reported at 331 Putnam St (3:05 p.m.); Vehicle accident reported at 1603 Hwy 166 (3:14 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 1123 Farris Ave (6:34 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in three written warnings, one no action taken, and one verbal warning.

Monday, June 30 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 1320 Highland Dr (2:20 a.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings.

Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Publisher

Jack's opened Monday in Elba, and the support from the Elba community was great to see. There was a line of almost 50 people waiting for the doors to be opened Monday morning at 5 a.m., and then another large group gathered at 9 a.m. for the official ribbon cutting for the restaurant. We join all in welcoming Jack's to Elba's business community and wish the company only success.



Drew Mack of Elba was the very first customer at Jack's in Elba on Monday. He secured his spot by the door at 3 a.m. in anticipation of the opening. The first 50 customers received "free breakfast for a month" cards. We congratulated Drew on being the first customer for the business, and grabbed this photo of him; however, we also told him we were glad it was him and not us up and out there at three in the morning.

Straight-line winds during a thunderstorm last Wednesday evening wreaked havoc on powerlines in Elba. There were reports of many trees on the powerlines and/or broken powerlines all across the city, and the majority of residents were without electricity for 3 hours or longer that night. However, City of Elba and Elba Water and Electric employees were hard at work just as soon as the storms passed to clean up the mess left behind from the storm and restore electricity as quickly as possible. These men and women work hard to get the job done, and they did just that last week. We rode around town and saw alot of the damage done by the winds from the storm. There was enough damage that it could have taken a lot longer to restore things, but the electric workers did what needed to be done precisely and quickly. We thank these folks for their dedicated work and service to our community.

The Let Freedom Ring event is set for this Thursday evening in Elba. The event includes a golf cart parade, entertainment, food, and of course, fireworks. Elba native Mike Holderfield is the magician behind the fireworks show each year, and it is always an amazing show! We expect no less this year. If you are in or nearby Elba this Thursday night, we encourage you to check out the festivities, especially the fireworks show. Activities kickoff at 6:30 p.m. with the golf cart parade, and the fireworks begin around 9 p.m.

We apologize to those who have missed the Elba Police Report in the newspaper the past few weeks. Space limitations required us to pull the report, but we hope to avoid that in the future. As you can see, the report is back this week!

We wish everyone a Happy 4th of July as we celebrate our nation's independence on Friday. Be safe!

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See You Thursday!! God Bless You and God Bless the U.S.A.

Yep...even Little Bean needs to drop a few pounds, but if she knew "light" food had been purchased instead of the good stuff, she would most likely sulk for days. That is why the Yonder Gang is keeping it a secret. Well...at least Lou Lou and Sister are trying to make this work.

Papa, on the other hand, is having as hard of a time cutting back on the sweets for the little monster as he is himself.

Lou Lou called Papa on the phone the other day. When she asked what he was doing he said he had just sat down with a bowl of ice cream... after giving Little Bean some too!

"You know that's not on either of your diets," Lou Lou said.

"Yeah, but it is so good," was all Papa responded.

It a losing battle. Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

Cuzin Lou Lou's Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou and Sister had to pickup some new dog food for Little Bean earlier this week, but they are not telling the little monster the bag includes a new word on it... "Light".

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Elba and Kinston Queens host “Friday Night Lights” party area Peanut Pageants Queens

The Miss Elba and Miss Kinston Queens came together last Friday evening, June 27, to host a “Friday Night Lights” theme party for area queens participating in the 2025 Miss and Little Miss Peanut Festival pageants.

The Friday Night Lights party was held at the Elba Theatre in downtown Elba and including dancing, tailgating foods, fun, and more as the area queens dressed in their favorite team colors.

Reportedly, a fun time was had by all.



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and restaurants open and be successful,” she said. “I love our historic downtown with her beauty and nostalgia, and I want to see her alive and aglow with citizens and guests appreciating all she has to offer. We are a small town and that is a treasure, but we also need to be able to sustain ourselves financially.”

She said the city needs businesses and restaurants and jobs that will help families make Elba home and offer them what they need without being pulled to bigger towns for all their shopping and employment needs and eventually relocating.

“I want to see a revitalization of our rec department and youth sports programs,” she said. “I want to see increased support for our city schools beyond Friday night lights and sporting events. I want our children to have all the opportunities for growth, education, safety, and happiness possible. And, most importantly, I want Elba citizens to have a voice and know that I care about what you care about, and I want to hear your concerns and help get the issues to the table.”

She added, “I have prayerfully chosen to become a candidate for Elba City Council District 3. Now, I humbly ask for your support and your vote on August 26, 2025.”

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Trauma is not rare and 60% percent of men and 50% of women experience a trauma in their lives. For veterans 11-20% of veterans returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom returned with PTSD and 15% of veterans returning from the Vietnam War returned home with PTSD.
PTSD has a variety of symptoms and behaviors attached to it such as insomnia, nightmares or night terrors, difficulty "leaving war behind", panic during surprise situations (even non-aggressive ones) and fear or panic at the sound of loud noises. PTSD can also manifest as anger, anxiety and sometimes hides underneath addiction to alcohol and other substances.
PTSD is something that affects so many of our veterans and it is our responsibility to take care of those who have served our great nation. Here are some resources that may be beneficial for veterans coping with PTSD and/or the friends and family of those coping with the condition.
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If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayeshf@hayesfuneralhome.net
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Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: www.elba-clipper.com

RACHEL BRYAN

Ms. Rachel Bryan, age 78, of Jack, Ala., died Sunday, June 29, 2025, at Medical Center Enterprise in Enterprise, Ala.

Rachel was a lover of flowers. She had a love for reading and a given talent for cooking. She had the pleasure of working in the field of her choice “education” for over 40 years, finishing her years as a teacher at Zion Chapel where she will be remembered by many as Mrs. Bryan. She was a genuine individual that will be loved and missed by those who had the opportunity to know her.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at 12 noon, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Donnie Marler officiating. Burial followed in the Zion Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 2, from 11 a.m. until 12 noon.

Ms. Bryan was preceded in death by her father - Marvin Curtis (Red) Wilkes, mother - Annabelle Ammons Wilkes, and brother - Doc Franklin Wilkes.

Survivors include her

daughter, Susan Rachel Bryan, Huntsville, Ala.; stepsons, James Edward “Jimbo” Bryan III, and Francis Paul “Pete” Bryan

(daughter-in-law, Mary Crum Bryan), Helena, Ala.; two grandsons, Tucker & Ty Bryan; along with many relatives and loving friends.



LEGAL NOTICES:

-- More Legal Notices on Pages 4 & 5 --

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

The following abandoned vehicles will be sold, or otherwise disposed of, after Thursday, July 10, unless otherwise claimed. The vehicles were abandoned at 620 Reese Avenue, Elba, Alabama. They are: 2005 Ford Taurus VIN: 1FAFP53295A136201 2006 Chevrolet Cobalt VIN: 1GIAK55F167712972 1963 Ford Galaxy VIN 3D66Z140623 2000 Ford F150 VIN: 1FTRX07L9YKA62015

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KRISTIN ALAIN SCHMID, DECEASED CASE NO.: PR-2025-128

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of KRISTIN ALAIN SCHMID, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 21st day of May, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred. /s/ Samuel L. R. Fowler, Jr. SAMUEL L. R. FOWLER, JR. Personal Representative of said Estate 7/3, 10 & 17-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF JIMMY GLENN CHANDLER, DECEASED. CASE NO: PC 2025-045

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Natalie J. Chandler on the 30th day of June 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred. Witness my hand this the 30th day of June 2025. Natalie J. Chandler Personal Representative Matt Brunson Attorney for the Petitioner 7/3, 10 & 17-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF TRAVIS HURST, DECEASED. CASE NO.: 25-0062

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Nancy Thompson, on the 25th day of June, 2025, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court of Geneva County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Toby L. Seay, Probate Judge 7/3, 10 & 17-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF SHARON L. MITCHUM, DECEASED. CASE No.: 25-0085

NOTICE OF PUBLICA-

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION

Letters Testamentary were granted to LISA MCGOWAN on the 25th day of June, 2025. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. LISA MCGOWAN Personal Representative David F. Holmes, Attorney P.O. Box 1180 Slocomb, AL 36375 334-886-3123 7/3, 10 & 17-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE ESTATE OF: BOBBY GLENN BAILLEY, DECEASED. CASE NO.: 2025-0097

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed by Darren Bailey, Renae Laier and Melinda Neal on the 23rd day of June, 2025, and that 30 days after the publication hereof and pursuant to law, the Court shall enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent. /s/ Toby L. Seay TOBY SEAY Judge of the Probate Court Geneva County, Alabama 7/3pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROBATE OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF LINDA J. KENT, Deceased. CASE NO. 25-0096

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT AND PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to David L. Kent on the 25th day of June, 2025, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of Linda J. Kent are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ David L. Kent David L. Kent, Personal Representative Lee F. Knowles, Esq. Attorney for the Estate P.O. Box 369 Geneva, AL 36340 7/3, 10 & 17-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF BRENTON MICHAEL STANLEY, DECEASED. CASE NO. 25-103

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

State of Alabama County of Geneva A Petition has been filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama for the Summary Distribution of the Estate of BRENTON MICHAEL STANLEY, deceased, by Dawn K. Wisinger, pursuant to the Code of Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. The date set for hearing on this matter is set for the 11th day of August, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. Done, this the 30th day of June, 2025. /s/ Toby L. Seay Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Geneva County, Alabama 7/3-pd

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ORDER TO GIVE NOTICE VIA PUBLICATION

In accordance with Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 4.1(c) and Alabama Code § 30-2-1 PETITION OF DIVORCE having been submitted by James Thomas Pecsok to Hon. Henry T. Reagan II, Judge for Coffee County (Elba), Alabama. IT IS DIRECTED for public notification; this notice is hereby given to Tiffany Samantha Pecsok that Plaintiff wishes to have (1) physical custody of all four children; (2) a Divorce from the Defendant which would end this marriage forever; and (3) make such other and further orders and decrees as may be necessary to effectuate an equitable favor to the Plaintiff. 6/12,19,26&7/3

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: KD,

(DOB: 04/02/2016)

A minor child under the age of 18 years.

CASE NO.:

34-JU-2022-149.03

DHR Case #: 28543

(FATHER)

NOTICE TO

KADRICK DEMPSEY:You are hereby given notice that a petition has been filed by the Geneva County Department of Human Resources requesting that your parental rights be terminated to the following child: KD born 04/02/2016. You are hereby given notice that you are required to file an Answer with the Clerk of Juvenile Court and with the Petitioner's Attorney: Hon. Rachel H. Sullivan at P.O. Box 336, Geneva, AL 36340, within 14 days of the date of the last publication of this notice or a default judgement can be entered against you. A final hearing has been set for August 28, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the Geneva County Courthouse in Geneva, Alabama. You may appear and contest the same if you choose. Done this 6th day of June, 2025./s/ Ashley Powell
Ashley Powell, Circuit Clerk, Geneva County, AL 6/12, 19, 26 & 7/3-chg

IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DANA MARIEA SHIRLEY, Deceased
CASE NO: PR-2025-116

NOTICE OF FILE CLAIMS

Letters of Administration on the Estate of DANA MARIEA SHIRLEY, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of June, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred./s/ Shelley Shirley
SHELLEY SHIRLEY
Administrator of said Estate 6/19, 26 & 7/3-pd

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by the terms of that certain Mortgage executed by SAVVY DEVELOPERS, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company, to HNB FIRST BANK, an Alabama corporation, dated March 24, 2024, and recorded on April 2, 2024, in Official Records Book 1225, at Page 128, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama; and said default continuing; and the undersigned holder of said mortgage having declared the entire indebtedness due and payable in accordance with the terms

and conditions of said mortgage, notice is hereby given that the undersigned, HNB FIRST BANK, will, under the terms of said mortgage, sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder in front of the Courthouse door of Geneva County, Alabama, in Geneva, Geneva County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on Thursday, August 7, 2025, the following described property:

Parcel I: One dwelling house and Lot Number 4, in Block 3, in the Snead Addition to the Town of Samson, Geneva County, Alabama, being the property formerly owned by R.H. Dawkins and now occupied by tenants, together with all improvements thereon.

Parcel II: A lot or parcel of land being more particularly described as follows: A lot or parcel of land in the Town of Samson, Alabama, and being recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 21-C, according to the Records of Geneva County Probate Office, together with all improvements situated thereon.

Parcel III: Lot Number 5, in Block 3, of the Snead Addition to the Town of Samson, Alabama, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 21-C, records of the Probate Office, Geneva County, Alabama, together with all improvements situated thereon. This property will be sold on an as is, where is basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate of the county where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. *Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.* This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation; contact H. Samuel Prim, III at the phone number shown below prior to attendance at sale.Dated this the 19th day of June, 2025.

HNB FIRST BANK:

BY: H. Samuel Prim, III
Prim & Mendheim, LLC
Attorney for Mortgagee
103 Jamestown Boulevard
Dothan, Alabama 36302
(334) 671-9555
(File No.: 25-0789)
6/26,7/3&10-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LOUIE WAYNE KELLEY, Deceased.

CASE NO: PC-2025-043

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary were granted the 17th day of June, 2025, to Shirley A. Kelley, as Executrix of the Estate of Louie Wayne Kelley, deceased, who departed this life on the 28th day of February, 2025, by the Hon. Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate.**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred./s/ Shirley A. Kelley
Shirley A. Kelley, Execu-trix of the Estate Of Louie Wayne Kelley, Deceased
6/26, 7/3 & 10-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LARRY JEROME HILLARD, SR., DECEASED.
CASE.: 2025-0078

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Mae Joyce Hillard, on the 18th day of June, 2025, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court of Geneva County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Toby L. Seay, Probate Judge 6/26, 7/3 & 10-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF OLEN LAMAR GLOVER, Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC-2025-0073

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Boyd Glover, as Administrator of the Estate of Olen Lamar Glover, deceased, on the 18th day of June, 2025 by Hon. Toby Seay, Judge of Probate for Geneva County, Alabama.**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against the said Estate of Olen Lamar Glover are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred./s/ Toby L. Seay
HON. TOBY SEAY
JUDGE OF PROBATE
6/26, 7/3 & 10-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES F. STANLEY, JR., DECEASED
CASE NO.: PR-2025-130

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of JAMES F. STANLEY, JR., deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 24th day of June, 2025, by the Honorable JODEE R. THOMPSON, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred./s/ Harold W. Stanley
HAROLD W. STANLEY
Personal Representative of said Estate
7/3, 10 & 17-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN F. RAIRIGH, DECEASED

CASE NO.: PR-2025-129

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of JOHN F. RAIRIGH, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 26th day of June, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred./s/ Judy K. Rairigh
JUDY K. RAIRIGH
Personal Representative of said Estate
7/3, 10 & 17-pd

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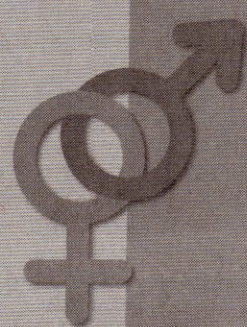
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
VICTOR PARKER JR.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ASHLEY DILLARD,
Defendant.
CASE NO: DR-2025-900030

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Defendant, Ashley Dillard, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Complaint for Divorce heretofore filed against her by Plaintiff, Victor Parker, Jr., on or before the 4th day of August 2025, or a judgment by default may be rendered against her in Case No. DR-2025-900030, Circuit Court of Geneva County, Alabama.

Dated on this the 4th day of June 2025.
/s/ Ashley A. Powell
Ashley A. Powell
Circuit Court Clerk
Lee F. Knowles
Attorney for said Estate
P.O. Box 369
Geneva County, AL 36340
Telephone: (334) 684-8022
6/12, 19, 26 & 7/3-chg

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WINNIE NESTA MOORE, DECEASED,
CASE NO.: PR-2025-050

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Administration of said Deceased having been granted to THOMAS E. WALKER, JR., Personal Representative, on the 12th day of June, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson
JUDGE OF PROBATE
Ashley Peacock Bradley,
Attorney
360 N. Oates St.
Dothan, AL 36303
334-793-3610
6/19, 26 & 7/3-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAROLD BRUCE MILLER, DECEASED.
Case No. PR-2025-122

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 16th day of June, 2025, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Alfred F. Livaudais, Jr.
Alfred F. Livaudais, Jr.
Attorney for Donna S. Miller
Personal Representative
Urech & Livaudais, P.C.
P.O. Drawer 70
Daleville, AL 36322
(334) 598-4455
daleattyal@gmail.com
6/19, 26 & 7/3-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA BOYLE DECEASED
CASE NO.: PR-2025-070

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of BARBARA BOYLE, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 16th day of June, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson,

Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.

/s/ Joel Young
JOEL YOUNG
Personal Representative of said Estate
6/19, 26 & 7/3-pd

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Ryan Homler to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Movement Mortgage, LLC, dated April 30, 2024 said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, in Book 1062, Page 118. Said mortgage was subsequently sold, assigned and transferred to Movement Mortgage, LLC. Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned, Movement Mortgage, LLC, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse in Coffee County, Alabama on July 16, 2025, during the legal hours of sale, all of its right, title, and interest in and to the following describe real estate situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit: BEING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH MARGIN OF MCCORMICK STREET WHICH IS 300 FEET EAST OF THE EAST MARGIN OF THE OLD DALEVILLE ROAD (NOW KNOWN AS OUIDA STREET); RUN THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH MARGIN OF MCCORMICK STREET FOR A DISTANCE OF 50 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 100 FEET; THENCE WEST 50 FEET; THENCE NORTH 100 FEET TO MCCORMICK STREET AT THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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This sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in said Mortgage and by Alabama law. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose.

Movement Mortgage, LLC, Mortgagee or Transferee
Jonathan Smothers, Esq
ALAW
420 North 20th Street, Suite 2249
Birmingham, AL 35203

Attorney for Mortgagee/Transferee
25-007544
6/19, 26 & 7/3-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY J. COLLINS, DECEASED.
CASE NO.: 8632

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Betty J. Collins having been granted to Sherry Herring on the 16th day of June, 2025, by Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama, and notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Toby L. Seay
Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate
6/19, 26 & 7/3-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HARRY WAYNE CROOK, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-123

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Christopher Randolph Crook, Personal Representative, on the 16th day of June, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
6/19, 26 & 7/3-pd

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY J. COLLINS, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Betty J. Collins having been granted to Sherry Herring on the 16th day of June, 2025, by Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama, and notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Toby L. Seay
Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate
6/19, 26 & 7/3-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of HARRY WAYNE CROOK, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-123

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Christopher Randolph Crook, Personal Representative, on the 16th day of June, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
6/19, 26 & 7/3-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF PAULINE NEAL RIGGS, DECEASED,

ANNIE COOPER, PETITIONER.
Case No.: 25-0077

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Annie Jean Tolver-Cooper, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Pauline Neal Riggs, who departed this life on the 5th day of May, 2023, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or same will be barred.

Annie Jean Tolver-Cooper
Personal Representative of the Estate of Pauline Neal Riggs, deceased.

Attorney for the Estate:
David W. Rousseau, Esq.
Rousseau Law Firm
Post Office Box 10
Hartford, Alabama 36344
/s/ Toby L. Seay
Judge of Probate
6/19, 26 & 7/3

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA THE CITY OF ELBA, ALABAMA

Petitioner,

vs.

THE TAXPAYERS AND CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF ELBA, ALABAMA

Defendants.
CV 2025-900018

LEGAL NOTICE

TO THE TAXPAYERS AND CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF ELBA, ALABAMA

Notice is hereby given to you that a petition has been filed in the Court under the provisions of §§ 6-6-750 through 6-6-757 of the Code of Alabama (1975) requesting the Court to validate and confirm the proposed issuance by the City of Elba, Alabama (the "City") of the Project Development Agreement (the "Development Agreement") between the City and Jack's Family Restaurants, LP (the "Developer") and the respective Series 2024-A Limited

Obligation Certificate of Indebtedness of the City (referred to separately herein as the "Certificate of Indebtedness"). The City's Certificate of Indebtedness will be in an amount of up to but not exceeding \$500,000.00. The Certificate of Indebtedness shall bear no interest.

The obligations of the City proposed by the Development Agreement and the Certificate of Indebtedness are limited obligations of the City issued for the purpose of providing funding to Developer to assist it in the development of a restaurant located within the City at 988 Highway 203, Elba, Alabama 36323 (the "Project Site"), and which is more particularly described on Exhibit "A" to the Project Development Agreement that is attached to the Petition, and to fund the construction of building(s) on the Project Site (the "Retail Center"). The project is expected to generate annual taxable sales of between approximately One Million Seven Hundred Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$1,700,000.00) and Two Million and No/100 Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) and the create a significant number of full and part time jobs, many of which may be filled by residents of the Public Body.

The obligations of the City in the Development Agreement and the City's Certificate of Indebtedness will be secured by a pledge by the City of the City Assistance derived solely from the sales taxes generated by the Retail Center as provided for in the Development Agreement. With regard to the City Assistance, subject to the other provisions of the Development Agreement and applicable law, the City proposes to pay to Developer as a tax rebate the City Assistance until the City has rebated to Developer the maximum amount of \$500,000.00; City Assistance is defined specifically in the Development Agreement but generally shall mean seventy percent (70%) of the non-education related sales tax revenues collected by the City from the Retail Center after the development of the same. All terms capitalized shall have that meaning as set forth in the Development Agreement.

Copies of documents relevant to the proposed obligations of the Development Agreement and the proposed issuance of the Certificate of Indebtedness are available for inspection and review during normal business hours at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Elba at 200 Buford St, Elba, AL 36323 in Coffee County, Alabama. These documents are described as follows: (1) Project Development Agreement and (2) the Certificate of Indebtedness.

The Court has issued an order against the taxpayers and citizens of the City of Elba, Alabama requiring them to show cause, if any they have, at a hearing of said petition to be held at the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba, Alabama, on the 23rd day of July, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. as to why the Development Agreement and obligations of the City contemplated therein, the Certificate of Indebtedness, the authority of the City to issue the Certificate of Indebtedness, the legality of all pledges of revenues to the Certificate of Indebtedness and those in the Development Agreement, the legality or all proceedings heretofore taken in connection therewith, and the validity of all other covenants, provisions and agreements associated with the Development Agreement and the Certificate of Indebtedness, and the applicability of Amendment 772 to the City and the above obligations and proposed obligations should not be validated and confirmed.

You are therefore required at the time and place hereinabove set for to show cause, if any you have, why the Development Agreement and obligations of the City contemplated therein, the Certificate of Indebtedness, the authority of the City to issue the Certificate of In-

debtedness, the legality of all pledges of revenues to the Certificate of Indebtedness including those in the Development Agreement, the legality of all proceedings heretofore taken in connection therewith, and the validity of all other covenants, provisions and agreements associated with the Development Agreement, the Certificate of Indebtedness and/or as set forth in the Petition and the applicability of Amendment 772 to the City and all the above should not be validated and confirmed.

Done this the 16th day of June 2025.

/s/ Amy L. Reeves
Amy Reeves

Circuit Court Clerk of Coffee County, Alabama
ORDERED and DECREED this the 16th day of June 2025.

/s/ Henry Reagan
Circuit Judge Henry Reagan
6/19, 26 & 7/3-chg.

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF:

S.G.S., a minor.
CASE NO.: JU-2021-114.03

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF:

L.B.S., a minor.
CASE NO.: JU-2021-113.03

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE TO: KATIE BOWERS,

Respondent/Mother of S.G.S., a minor whose date of birth is in March 2020 and L.B.S., a minor whose date of birth is in September 2018, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights heretofore filed by Petitioners, William Boswell Simmons III and Karinne Simmons, within fourteen (14) days after the last publication, or thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against you in JU-2021-114.03, and JU-2021-113.03, in the Juvenile Court of Geneva County, Alabama.

Dope and dated on this the 20th day of June 2025.

/s/ Ashley A. Powell
Ashley A. Powell
Clerk of the Court
6/26, 7/3, 10 & 17-chg

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF:

S.G.S., a minor.

CASE NO.: JU-2021-114.03

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF:

L.B.S., a minor.
CASE NO.: JU-2021-113.03

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE TO: WILLIAM BOSWELL SIMMONS IV,

Respondent/Father of S.G.S., a minor whose date of birth is in March 2020 and L.B.S., a minor whose date of birth is in September 2018, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights heretofore filed by Petitioners, William Boswell Simmons III and Karinne Simmons, within fourteen (14) days after the last publication, or thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against you in JU-2021-114.03, and JU-2021-113.03, in the Juvenile Court of Geneva County, Alabama.

Dope and dated on this the 20th day of June 2025.

/s/ Ashley A. Powell
Ashley A. Powell
Clerk of the Court
6/26, 7/3, 10 & 17-chg.

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF COFFEE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage and security agreement executed

by LEAMON RAY BOLING, a single person, and VICKIE LYNN JOHNSTON, a single person, on the 12th day of October 2021, to VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., as recorded in A/OFFR Book 205A, Page 596, in the office of the Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama; VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., as Mortgagee, by reason of such default having declared all of the indebtedness secured by said mortgage and security agreement due and payable and such default continuing, notice is hereby given that, acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and security agreement, and as authorized by Section 7-9A-604(a)(2) of the Code of Alabama of 1975 as amended, VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., as Mortgagee, will sell at public outcry, for cash to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door, in the City of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on July 24, 2025, the following described real and personal property situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From
The Pressbox
By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We had both grandsons over at the house one afternoon last week and while they both did their own thing, it felt great to have them both with us for at least a few hours as I got to cook Lawson a pizza and Cannon and I watched Bluey. A great afternoon to be grandparents!

For what it is worth....

*** *Now that most of the summer youth schedule* has ended on baseball and softball I guess it is time to turn our thoughts to the upcoming high school football season, which as of today is only 49 days away. The biggest news looking ahead will be that three of the five teams in over area will be under the direction of new head coaches. Elba will be led by Jon Cooper, Brantley will be led by Andrew Lowery and New Brockton will be led by Reggie Melton. Rudy Free will be the ‘Dean of Coaches’ in the area as he begins his seventh year as the leader of the Bulldogs, while at Zion Chapel Cody Keene will be back for his fourth season with the Rebels. Other new coaches around the Wiregrass include Robin Tyra, at Barbour County; Phillip Jones, at Charles Henderson; Jonny Mitchell, at Crenshaw Christian; Clay Massey, at G.W. Long; Ethan Holland, at Headland; Phillip Coggins, at Highland Home; Michael Smith, at Pleasant Home; and, Ronnie Cottrell, at T.R. Miller. All the new coaches should bring a new enthusiasm and excitement to all the fans!

*** *The website AL.com published an article* one day last week entitled ‘The AHSAA’s most unbreakable football records,’ and the one that caught my eye first was ‘Most career points scored,’ which as we in Elba all know was set last season by former Elba Tiger standout Alvin Henderson. The article stated that while Henderson could have been on the list for a number of records, his career mark of 1,222 points scored could be unbreakable. The previous record, set by Mac Campbell with 928 points, was a distant second by the time Henderson ended his career at Elba, and is indeed a record that seems very safe. Other records listed in the article were Most rushing yards in a game - 806, set by Parrish in 2003 in an 81-58 win over Hubbertville; Most consecutive shutouts – 17, by Florala from 1927-1929; Most rushing attempts in a game – 72 set by Straughn’s Russell Gunter, in a 22-21 loss to Coffee Springs; and, Shutouts in a season – 11, set by Clay County in 1996. The AHSAA has an extensive record book on its website in all high school sports, and is interesting reading for all sports fans.

*** *People talk about seeing alligators in the Pea River* almost on a daily basis, and now those with the courage to do so can actually hunt for gators in local waterways. The annual hunting season for alligators in the state is just around the corner and the deadline to register for a chance to hunt ends next week. That means if you want to be a real life alligator hunter you need to sign up now! I am not much of a hunter of any kind, unless you can count fishing as hunting, but if I was the thought of hunting an alligator would get my adrenaline going and would be something I would have to do, at least once. If anyone close by gets a permit, let me know. I may try to get up the courage to join you and document your skills.

*** *In closing....* Former Elba Tiger, UAB Blazer and current Cleveland Browns football standout Alex Wright was back in town for his annual youth football camp over the weekend and it was great to see all the local youngsters come out to hang around with someone that is a true role model. Alex was a popular student in high school and starred as a member of the football team, the basketball team and even the band, and after a standout career at UAB went on to the NFL and has made his mark as a pass rusher with the Browns. Best of all, he has never forgotten where he is from and can be seen during the off-season at sporting events supporting the newest version of Elba High student-athletes, and every summer at Miller Memorial Stadium hosting his football camp, where he teaches the campers about life, not just football, and donates free school supplies to every camper. Alex Wright is someone everybody in Elba can be proud of!

AHSAA ‘Kickoff Classic’ to feature top teams

Four storied high schools, Class 7A Prattville, Class 6A, Pike Road, Class 3A Fyffe and Class 1A Maplesville will kick off the AHSAA 2025 football season competing in the 20th annual Kickoff Classic at Montgomery’s Cramton Bowl – which will be aired over the AHSAA TV Network with Alabama Public Television set to carry the games for the first time.

The Kickoff Classic kicks off the AHSAA’s weekly Games of the Week, which are being produced by WOTM TV’s outstanding crew led by executive producer Vince Earley. This year’s Games of the Week schedule will include 12 regular season games and four playoff games leading up to the Super 7 State Championships.

It begins with Prattville vs. Pike Road on Thursday, August 21 at Cramton Bowl at 7 p.m. Fyffe and Maplesville will meet on Friday, August 22 in the final game of the Kickoff Class, also kicking off at 7 p.m., at Cramton Bowl. The season will conclude with Alabama Public Television broadcasting all seven Super 7 State Football Championship games and both girls’ Flag Football Championship games at Birmingham’s Protective Stadium, December 3-4-5.

“We will be kicking off our 2025-26 school year with these two exciting games,” said AHSAA Executive Director Heath Harmon. “We are also kicking off our school year by placing major emphasis on displaying outstanding sportsmanship. The AHSAA’s mission is to serve our member schools through interscholastic competition by enhancing student learning, sportsmanship, safety, and lifelong values with integrity always as its foundation. The Kickoff Classic on statewide TV is an excellent way for us to get that message out to our

school communities.”

The four schools playing in the Kickoff Classic have combined to win 17 state championships with Fyffe leading the way with seven since 2014. The DeKalb County Class 3A power led the state in wins (128-9) in the 2010-2019 decade and Maplesville, located in Chilton County, was the winningest school in Class 1A during that period going 121-12 – ranking second overall behind Fyffe. Class 7A Prattville (124-12) had the best winning percentage in the AHSAA from 2000-2009 with a 91.2% winning rate. Pike Road, which became a new high school in 2018, currently ranks 10th overall with a 53-13 record in this decade (2020-2024).

Pike Road, Fyffe and Maplesville are making their second appearance in the Kickoff Classic, which was first played in 2006. Prattville is making its seventh appearance – the most of any school. The Lions are 3-3 in the Classic with one game rained out (2008).

The Kickoff Classic is managed each year by the AHSAA’s Alabama High School Athletic Directors & Coaches Association (AHSADC) led by Director James T. Lawrence.

Prattville (5-5) and Pike Road (10-4) will kick off this year’s Classic on Thursday night, August 21, at Cramton Bowl at 7 p.m. Fyffe (9-3) and Maplesville (12-3) will meet at Cramton Bowl on Friday night, August 22, also at 7 p.m.

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Fyffe vs. Maplesville on August 22 and culminating with the Super 7 State Championships Dec. 2-3-4 at Birmingham’s Protective Stadium 14 weeks later.

Alabama Public Television, the AHSAA’s broadcast partner for the Super 7 State Football Championships, will be broadcasting the Kickoff Classic, all the regular-season and playoff games of the week for the first time, and for the third year in a row, the Super 7 State Championships. This will provide live TV coverage for every home in the state for these games. The games will also be aired over the NFHS Network.

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All four teams come in with highly successful coaches. Fyffe’s Paul Benefield owns a 360-59-0 career record with seven state championships. He ranks second in most wins among active coaches in the AHSAA behind Central of Clay County’s Danny Horn (363-98-0) and third overall behind Horn and Terry Curtis (361-105-0), who retired as head coach at UMS-Wright after last season. Benefield’s teams had a stretch of 64 straight regular-season wins from 2015-2021 and

51 straight wins overall. His winning percentage (85.9%) is the best of any coach in the AHSAA with more than 200 wins.

Maplesville head coach Brad Abbott owns a 57-25 record over five seasons as head coach. Last year’s team finished 12-3 – falling in the Class 1A state finals to Wadley.

PikeRoad head coach Granger Shook, who owns a 49-16 record overall, is in his third year as Pike Road head coach. The Patriots (10-4) reached the 6A semifinals last season for the second straight year under Shook’s direction. He is beginning his third season at Pike Road this year. The Patriots are beginning their ninth year of football – after giving up the sport in 1933. Pike Road is just two wins away from the school’s 100th overall win.

Bobby Carr, who coached Carver-Montgomery to a 41-19 win over Vestavia Hills in the 2024 Kickoff Classic, is in his first season at Prattville High School. The Lions (5-5) are just two wins away from claiming the school’s 600th all-time football win.

The four schools in this year’s Kickoff Classic have combined for 1,932 wins with Maplesville (634-349-19) leading the way, followed by Fyffe (603-212-13), Prattville (598-421-17) and Pike Road (98-49-12).

All four teams are returning some outstanding players. Among them are returning All-State players: Maplesville tight end/linebacker Aidan Abbott, defensive lineman Von Woods, and athlete Pearce Yeargan; Fyffe running back Ryder Gipson; Pike Road linebacker Brayden Outlaw, running back Jamichael Jones and athlete Jordan Holmes; and Prattville defensive standouts Elijah Brown, Ricardo Parker, and Trey Rawlinson.

Elba’s Wilson fires second round 65 in battle against nation’s best at 2025 Future Masters

Elba teenage golf standout Jay Wilson had a round to remember in the second round of last weekend’s 76th annual Press Thornton Future Master’s Golf Tournament, in Dothan, with a five-under par 65. Unfortunately, Wilson sandwiched one of the tournament’s lowest rounds with an opening round 75 and a closing round 76 to finish the three-day event with a 216 total to place in a tie for 51st in the field of 134 golfers that were entered the 15-18 age division in the prestigious worldwide junior tournament.

The tournament, which is divided into fourage groups, 15-18, 13-14, 11-12 and 10 and Under, was played at the Dothan Country Club. Former participants in the tournament include past U.S. Open winners Hubert Green and Jerry Pate; Masters winners Larry Mize, Bubba Watson, Trevor Immelman and Scottie Scheffler; PGA champions Bob Tway, Mark Brooks and Shawn Micheel; and British Open winner Ben Curtis.

The 15-18 winner this year was Warren Stiglitz, of North Carolina, with a twenty-hole score of six-under par 204, followed by Lucas Latimer, of Texas, with a 205 total. Golfers from a total of 24 states and two countries (Austria

and Canada) competed in the 15-18 division, and Wilson placed in a tie for 15th among golfers from Alabama.

Wilson, the two-time defending Alabama state high school golf champion, got off to a sluggish start on Thursday with a double-bogey on his second hole, followed by bogeys on his fourth and sixth holes, and while he picked up birdies on holes ten and fourteen, he closed the round with a bogey on three of his final four holes to record a five-over par 75.

He began the second round much like he had ended the opening round as

he bogeyed the first hole. However, Wilson turned the round around with birdies on seven, eight, ten and fourteen, and after a bogey on fifteen, birdied sixteen and seventeen to finish off the five-under par round of 65.

Wilson’s final round got off to a rocky start with bogeys on holes one and two, and while he picked up a much-needed birdie on five, a double-bogey on the eleventh hole, along with bogeys on two of the final three holes derailed his hopes of a comeback and placed him ten strokes behind the division winner.



JAY WILSON

Kinston Knockouts win Atmore tournament

The Knockouts, from Kinston, traveled to a softball tournament in Atmore over the weekend and swept through four games without a loss to claim the championship of the 14U event.

The Knockouts began pool play against the West Alabama Elite and used a six-run first inning to post a 6-0 win. Harper Morris had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Knockouts at the plate, while Aubrey Norris added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Adelyn Jarrell pitched two innings of no-hit ball with three strikeouts to pick up the win inside the circle.

The Knockouts ran out

of time in their second pool play game in a 2-2 tie with the 4ever5, as the game was stopped due to time limit with one out in the top of the third inning. Ella Kate Bowers had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead the Knockouts at the plate, while Adalyn Whigham and Madi Phillips both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Bowers pitched three innings and allowed no earned runs on one hit, with one strikeout.

The Knockouts began elimination play with a 6-0 win over the South Alabama Elite, in a game in which they scored all their runs in the opening three innings. Kylee Jenkins had 2 hits, including a home-run, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi’s to lead the Knockouts at the plate, while Adelyn Jarrell added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi, Ella Greene added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Aubrey Norris added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Justi Creech pitched a three-

inning, one-hit shutout with seven strikeouts.

The Knockouts claimed the tournament title in an exciting walk off win as Adalyn Whigham singled in the winning run in a 4-3 victory. Adalyn Whigham had 2 hits and 1 rbi to lead the Knockouts at the plate, while Aubrey Norris added 1 hit and 2 rbi’s, and Ella Kate Bowers and Justi Creech both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Adelyn Jarrell pitched a four-inning three-hitter with four strikeouts to claim the win inside the circle.





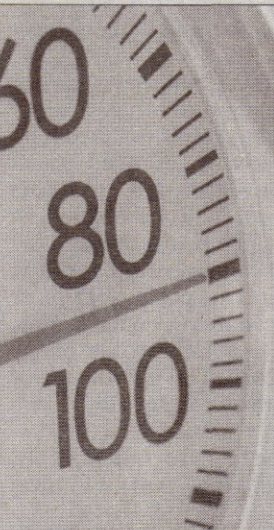
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SPORTS NEWS



KINSTON 8U ALL-STARS 2025 STATE RUNNERS-UP



KINSTON 12U ALL-STARS 2025 STATE RUNNERS-UP



Kinston 8U All-Star couldn't help but break out a smile after receiving her state runner-up ring at last week's Babe Ruth State Tournament.

Kinston 8U stars swung big bats at state

The Kinston '8 and Under' All-Stars placed second at last week's Alabama Babe Ruth State Softball Tournament, in Andalusia, and were dynamic at the plate throughout the tournament with every player on the team getting big hits. The All-Stars were led at the plate by the duo of Wren Hattaway and Riley LaGraff, both of whom had a total of 11 hits in the five games. Hattaway also scored 6 runs and had 7 rbi's, while LaGraff scored 4 runs and had 10 rbi's. Other top hitters included Tilly Kilpatrick, with 10 hits, 7 runs scored and 10 rbi's; Braelynn Bond with 9 hits, 6 runs scored and 5 rbi's; Hailey Berry with 9 hits, 6 runs scored and 5 rbi's; Gabby Baker with 9 hits, 3 runs scored and 3 rbi's; Hadley Lasiter with 8 hits, 7 runs scored and 4 rbi's; Piper Mack with 7 hits, 5 runs scored and 4 rbi's; Mary Ellen Jackson with 6 hits, 5 runs scored and 3 rbi's; Ande Ascencio with 5 hits, 4 runs scored and 2 rbi's; and, Jessie Jones with 4 hits, 1 run scored and 1 rbi.

Kinston 8U All-Stars place second at Alabama Babe Ruth State Tourney

The Kinston All-Stars saw their quest for a state championship come to an end last week with a 17-11 loss to New Site, in the finals of the Alabama Babe Ruth Softball Tournament. Kinston grabbed an early 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning on an rbi triple by Braelynn Bond followed by an rbi double by Hailey Berry, but New Site rallied quickly and plated four runs in the second to jump on top 4-2. Gabby Baker delivered a key two-out rbi single in the bottom of the second to pull Kinston within 4-3, but the All-Stars left the bases loaded and trailed 5-3 heading to the bottom of the third. A leadoff double by Braelynn Bond in the third ignited a Kinston rally, while Tilly Kilpatrick added an rbi double and Riley LaGraff ripped an rbi triple as Kinston regained the lead at 6-5. New Site scored five runs in both the fourth and fifth innings to grab a big 15-6 advantage. However, the All-Stars battled back in their half of the fifth and kept their comeback hopes alive with a 5-run outburst to pull within 15-11. A leadoff single by Braelynn Bond and an rbi single by Tilly Kilpatrick ignited the rally, while Hadley Lasiter added an rbi double and Piper Mack singled in a run as the All-Stars closed to within 15-11. New Site added two insurance runs in the sixth and this time Kinston failed to mount a rally as the All-Stars dropped the 17-11 decision. Braelynn Bond had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Kinston at the plate, while Riley La Graff added 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Tilly Kilpatrick and Hadley Lasiter both added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Gabby Baker added 2 hits and 1 rbi; Ande Ascencio added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Wren Hattaway and Mary Ellen Jackson both added 1 hit and scored 1 run; Hailey Berry and Piper Mack both added 1 hit and 1 rbi; and, Jessie Jones added 1 hit.

Kinston 12U Stars shined bright at state

The Kinston '12 and Under' All-Stars placed second in last week's Alabama Babe Ruth State Softball Tournament and had a number of players that turned in outstanding performances at the three-day event. Reeves Simmons was dominant both at the plate and inside the pitching circle as she collected 6 hits, scored 6 runs and knocked in 5 runs, and in 16 and 2/3 innings pitching allowed no earned runs on 10 hits, while striking out 31 batters. Harper Morris had 5 hits and scored 8 runs to also shine at the plate, while Ollie Mae McCrummen was also a duo threat as she added 4 hits, scored 5 runs and knocked in 6 runs and inside the circle pitched 5 innings and allowed 10 hits, and 6 earned runs, while striking out 5 batters. Other top hitters included Kinsley Clark with 4 hits, 4 runs scored and 1 rbi; Kellan Wise with 4 hits, 3 runs scored and 2 rbi's; Karsyn Wise with 2 hits, 2 runs scored and 1 rbi; Aila Weeks with 2 hits; Addison Bond with 1 hit and 1 rbi; and, Kinsley Kightlinger and Alba Wise with 1 hit, apiece. Benelli Smith and Emma Jarrell both drew a walk to reach base.



Kinston 12U All-Star is consoled by her Coach (also her Dad) after last week's loss in the finals of the Alabama Babe Ruth State Tournament.

Kinston 12U All-Stars place second at Alabama Babe Ruth State Tourney

The Kinston All-Stars outit the Opp All-Stars 6-4 and allowed no earned runs, but stranded eight runners on base and found their way to the plate only once in a disappointing 4-1 loss in the finals of the Alabama Babe Ruth Softball Tournament, last weekend in Andalusia. A leadoff single by Kinsley Clark followed by an rbi double by Kellan Wise put Kinston on top 1-0 in the bottom of the second inning, but the All-Stars left two runners on base and headed to the top of the third with a slim 1-0 advantage. Kinston wasted a leadoff single by Harper Morris in the third, and then watched as Opp plated an unearned run in the fourth to pull even at 1-1. Kellan Wise led off the bottom of the inning with a single and reached third with two outs, but failed to cross the plate as the score remained tied at 1-1. Opp scored three unearned runs in the fifth to take a 4-1 lead. However, Kinston battled back in the bottom of the frame and loaded the bases when Harper Morris reached on a two-out error, Reeves Simmons was hit by a pitch and Ollie Mae McCrummen drew a walk, only to see all three runners stranded on the base paths. Kellan Wise kept Kinston's hopes alive in the bottom of the sixth with a leadoff single and moved around to third base on a two-out double by Kinsley Kightlinger. However, neither runner was able to cross the plate as the All-Stars lost 4-1 to fall one win short of the state title. Kellan Wise had 3 hits and 1 rbi to lead Kinston at the plate, while Kinsley Clark added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Harper Morris and Kinsley Kightlinger both added 1 hit. Reeves Simmons pitched a complete game 4-hitter with 11 strikeouts and allowed no earned runs in the outstanding performance inside the pitching circle.

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Elba Forward — Aligning Actions with the City's Future

Carlos J. Magwood, a retired U.S. Army Command Sergeant Major and candidate for mayor, is rallying Elba's citizens around a vision to move the city forward with purposeful leadership and community unity. With the city election set for August 26, Magwood is emphasizing the need for a government that not only listens but acts decisively to align city initiatives with a forward-looking agenda. "We stand at a pivotal moment," Magwood said at a recent citizens engagement. "Our city's future depends on clear communication, transparency, and the kind of leadership that empowers every resident—from our youth to our elders." Magwood highlighted recent community-led efforts such as the youth football camp organized by Cleveland Brown's NFL player and Elba native Alex Wright, noting that events like these showcase Elba's spirit of service and neighborly support. The campaign's "Elba Forward" platform pledges to strengthen infrastructure, expand support for small businesses, invest in education and public safety, and restore trust in local government.

Residents are encouraged to engage in the electoral process, and vote on August 26 for leadership that listens and leads with integrity.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



HAPPY 95TH BIRTHDAY! On Sunday, June 29, Elba resident Carol Marler (center) was honored for his 95th birthday during the Marler Reunion held at the Elba Masonic Lodge. Above, he is pictured with siblings Mae Huggins (left) of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and Sara Crews (right) of Shalimar, Fla. Those in attendance said great food and fellowship was enjoyed as the ‘birthday boy’ was celebrated on the day.



The New Brockton Masonic Lodge 694 recently honored McKenzie Jones (center) with a \$1,000 scholarship to assist with her continued education. Masons pictured above with Jones include Jerome Blackmon, Brandon Marler, Tim Marler, Mike Marler, Jack Caradine, and Steve Dewberry.



Enterprise Aglow Community Lighthouse to meet July 19th
Enterprise, Alabama Aglow Community Lighthouse will meet Saturday, July 19, at 10 a.m. at The Gathering Room, 217 S Main Street, Enterprise.
Guest speaker will be Loretta Terry of Hartford, Ala. Come and invite others.
For more information, call (334) 406-9683.

VBS at Woodland Grove Baptist Church planned for July 9th-11th

Woodland Grove Baptist Church, located at 5107 County Rd. 239, New Brockton, Ala., will hold its Vacation Bible School on July 9-11 from 6-8:30 each night. There will be classes for all ages, including adults. Everyone is invited.

Homecoming at Chestnut Grove Methodist Church set for July 13th

Chestnut Grove Methodist Church invites all to the church’s annual Homecoming service set for Sunday, July 13, beginning at 10 a.m. Guest speaker will be Max Copeland. Special music will be provided. Make plans to attend.

Locals named to President’s and Dean’s Lists at University of West Alabama

The University of West Alabama recently announced undergraduate students named to the President’s List for the Spring 2025 academic semester. The President’s List gives recognition to undergraduate students with exceptionally high grades for the semester, those with grade-point averages of 3.80 or higher, completing at least twelve semester credit hours, with no grade lower than a “C.”

Local students making the President’s List were:

Andrew Crawley of Jack, majoring in special education; Tiffany Massey of Elba, majoring in special education; Haylee Hutchison of Elba, majoring in early childhood education; Brittany Landingham of Kinston, majoring in early childhood education; Sara Mitchell of Elba, majoring in early childhood education; and Kaitlyn Hood of Elba, majoring in psychology.

Also, the university announced undergraduate students named to the Dean’s List for the Spring 2025 academic semester.

The Dean’s List gives recognition to those undergraduate students those with grade-point averages between 3.25 and 3.79, completing at least twelve semester credit hours, with no grade lower than a “C.”

Local students making the Dean’s List were:

Christy Laramore of Elba, majoring in special education; and Ashley Janes of Elba, majoring in early childhood education.

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Linda Tillis 6/29
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Jordan Bryant 6/29

CONTENDING WITHOUT CONTENTION

A Christian minister once wrote a wonderful little tract called “Come to Jesus.” The piece was instrumental in bringing many lost people to the Lord. But some years later the author had a fallout with a Christian brother. He became a merchant of Venom and wrote a bitter broadside, consigning to Hell the man with whom he disagreed. When he asked another Christian friend what title he should give to his new tract he was told, “Why don’t you call it ‘Go to the Devil’ by the author of “Come to Jesus?” General Stonewall Jackson once overheard some of his troops arguing with each other over which strategy should be used in battle. In the heat of discussion some of them began making personal attacks on each other. Jackson, pointing

to the battlefield, wisely reminded them, “Remember, gentlemen, the enemy is over there.” We do not have the luxury of fighting with each other. We do not wrestle against flesh and blood but against spiritual powers. Satan is our real enemy. Each of us must make every effort to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. God wants us to contend for the faith without being contentious with one another. A house divided against itself cannot win the war. -V.K.

Question/Answer Section Q/A for the week of 6-26-2025 - Fill in the blanks

(Q) The judgments (laws) of the Lord are more desirable than ___ and sweeter than _____.
(A) Gold/Honey – Psalm 19:9,10
(Q) We should show to coming generations the Praises of the Lord, his strength, and his _____.
(A) Wonderful Works: Psalm 78:4
(Q) Three things that God hates are a proud ___, a lying ___, and ___ that shed innocent blood.
(A) Look/Tongue/Hands – Proverbs 6:16,17

Questions for the week of 7-3-2025

Multiple Choice
(Q) How should we help the poor and needy? (Pray for them) (Feed Them) (Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked)
(Q) How long will the Psalmist sing unto the Lord? (All Day) (All Night) (As long as he Lives)
(Q) What has God put under man’s feet? (Dirt) (Water) (All Things)

Today is a good day! Be Grateful!
Eria’s Daughter, Sue



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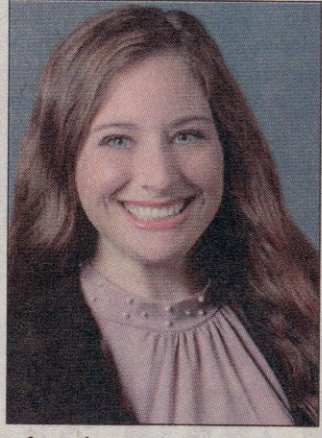
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